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SENATE BILL 297

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSURE OF PHYSICIANS
IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 61-6-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1923,
Chapter 44, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-6-11. LICENSURE. --

A. The board may consider for licensure a person
who is of good moral character, is a graduate of a medical
college or school in good standing, has passed an examination
approved by the board and has completed two years of an
approved postgraduate training program. The board may also
consider for licensure a person who is of good moral character,
is a graduate of a medical college or school, has passed an
examination approved by the board and has completed an approved

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1 postgraduate training program, including a residency program,
2 operated under the direction of or approved by the school of
3 medicine at the university of New Mexico.

4 B. An applicant who has not completed two years of
5 an approved postgraduate training program, but who otherwise
6 meets all other licensing requirements, may present evidence to
7 the board of the applicant's other professional experience for
8 consideration by the board in lieu of the approved postgraduate
9 training program. The board shall, in its sole discretion,
10 determine if the professional experience is substantially
11 equivalent to the required approved postgraduate training
12 program.

13 C. A graduate of a board-approved medical college
14 located outside the United States may be granted a license to
15 practice medicine in New Mexico, provided the applicant
16 presents evidence to the board that the applicant is a person
17 of good moral character and is in compliance with the
18 United States immigration laws and provided that the applicant
19 presents satisfactory evidence to the board that the applicant
20 has successfully passed an examination as required by the board
21 and has successfully completed two years of postgraduate
22 medical training in an approved postgraduate training program.

23 D. All applicants for licensure may be required to
24 appear personally before the board or a designated agent for an
25 interview.

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E. An applicant for licensure by examination shall not be granted a license if the applicant has taken the examination in two or more steps and has failed to successfully pass the final step within seven years of the date that the first step was passed. An applicant for licensure who holds a medical doctor degree and a doctoral degree in a medically related field must successfully complete the entire examination series within ten years from the date the first step of the examination is passed.

F. Every applicant for licensure under this section shall pay the fees required by Section 61-6-19 NMSA 1978.

G. The board may require fingerprints and other information necessary for a state and national criminal background check. "